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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7336

BILL NUMBER: SB 511

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2015

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Massage Therapists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Alting

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that massage therapists are governed by the health professions standards of practice. (Under current law, massage therapists are governed by the professional licensing standards of practice.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Restitution-* Unlike their medical profession counterparts, a licensed or certified nonmedical practitioner can be disciplined by their respective nonmedical professional board by order to pay restitution to a consumer due to the practitioner's services that brought about the disciplinary action. However, it is not likely that this provision would have more than a minimal change in the total consumer restitution ordered by nonmedical professional boards in a given fiscal year.

Professional Licensing Agency- The Professional Licensing Agency (PLA) may update its website to reflect that massage therapists would be under the medical professions list. The PLA would also notify massage therapists via electronic mail with a link to the statute change. It is likely the PLA would be able to incorporate any administrative change necessary to carry out this bill within its existing level of resources.

Additional Information- There has been a total of 38 certified massage therapists who have had disciplinary action taken against their certification since the inception of the State Board of Massage Therapy. The following table displays the disciplinary actions by type.

Disciplinary Actions Taken By State Board of Massage Therapy	
Disciplinary Action	Number
Probation	11
Revoked	8
Suspended	19
Total	38

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Professional Licensing Agency, State Board Massage Therapy.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency.

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